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Portsmouth Heroin Dealer Sentenced

(Norfolk, Virginia) - Donihue Carr, age 38, of Portsmouth, Virginia, was sentenced today to 186 months imprisonment for conspiracy to distribute in excess of one kilogram of heroin. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement after sentencing by United States District Judge Jerome B. Friedman.

According to court documents, Carr is a longtime supplier of heroin in Portsmouth. Carr's first conviction for distributing heroin occurred in 1998 in the Portsmouth Circuit Court, wherein he was sentenced to three years imprisonment. In 1993, Carr was convicted in United States District Court for distributing heroin and for gun charges, and was sentenced to 97 months imprisonment. Carr was convicted in 2001, and again in 2003, for violating supervised release and was given a sentence of 6 months on the first violation and 18 months on the second.

Carr's present conviction and sentence is based on a joint investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Portsmouth Police Department. Their investigation revealed that Carr was supplying a number of drug dealers and drug organizations in Portsmouth with kilogram quantities of heroin from 2001 through 2005.

Assistant United States Attorney William Muhr prosecuted the case for the United States.

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